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# TOWN EXPENDITURES.

## REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

Cash paid out by the Town Treasurer, by order of the Selectmen.

### Paid for Schools.

District No.	1,.....	277	51
"	" 2,.....	144	76
"	" 3,.....	89	68
"	" 4,.....	189	06
"	" 5,.....	199	87
"	" 6,.....	110	63
"	" 7,.....	142	94
"	" 8,.....	84	88
"	" 9,.....	66	13
"	" 10,.....	94	88
"	" 11,.....	231	70
"	" 12,.....	277	79
"	" 13,.....	188	23
			—————\$2098 06

### **Paid for Repairing Roads.**

E. C. Boynton,	\$6 00
A. N. Brooks,	8 72
Edmund Barton,	8 48
J. A. Wheeler,	6 30
J. A. Wheeler,	70 00
A. C. Wheeler,	1 57
Geo. W. Taylor,	2 67
S. A. Russell,	3 00
F. W. Prichard,	10 06
J. A. Wheeler,	13 31
M. L. Sargent,	29 00
P. W. Manley,	3 00
James E. Carr,	4 27
E. F. Blanchard,	17 05
J. A. Wheeler,	20 50
E. Barton,	20 44
Oliver Tenney,	10 12
B. Sawyer,	3 00
Almon A. Hill,	3 00
George Wheeler,	13 75
S. W. Mansfield,	3 00
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	\$257 24

### **PAID FOR BREAKING ROADS.**

Albert F. Wright,	\$22 65
Fred A. Wheeler,	5 13
A. S. Bucknam,	2 40
Edmund Barton,	2 10
Geo. W. Wheeler,	4 53
Frank W. Pritchard,	3 08
Geo. W. Taylor,	1 50

Charles Miller	\$2 48
J. E. Carr,	2 75
R. A. Wright	9 00
S. W. Mansfield,	2 00
W. D. Locke	16 10
J. A. Wheeler,	2 85
W. T. Bucknam,	1 20
John B. Emery,	4 35
A. Jowders,	1 80
Geo. H. Ramsdell,	18 46
	<hr/> \$102 38

## TOWN OFFICERS.

Supervisors,	\$30 00
F. W. Preston, Treasurer,	35 00
Auditors,	10 00
E. H. Farwell, Town clerk,	30 00
William Weeeler,	83 00
James E. Carr,	82 75
Joseph A. Wheeler,	78 50
Police,	3 50
	<hr/> \$352 75

## MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Stationery and Printing.	\$51 81
Ministerial Fund Interest,	78 93
Decoration Day Aid,	50 00
Cemetery,	37 19
Damages, Dogs' killing sheep,	72 00
Ringin Bell,	50 00
Damages on Highway, (Mrs. Heath),	200 00
Expense, Heath case,	37 00



Hattie A. Perry case,	100 00
A. J. Goen case,	40 00
Care of Town hall,	2 00
F. N. Gibson, reporting births & deaths,	6 25
Counsel Fees,	25 00
P. H. Clark, Expense paying state tax,	8 00
Collection and abatement of taxes,	319 20
Fire Department	392 51
Insurance,	9 00
E. H. Farwell, Postage &c.	1 52
	—————\$1480 41

## S U M M A R Y .

For Schools and Committee,	\$2191 02
Paupers,	534 27
Repairing Roads,	257 24
Breaking Roads,	102 38
Town Officers,	352 75
Miscellaneous Expenses,	1480 41
	————— \$4918 07

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM WHEELER, } *Selectmen*  
 JAMES E. CARR, } *of*  
 JOSEPH A. WHEELER, } *New Ipswich.*

New Ipswich, N. H., Feb. 21, 1881.



# REPORT

## OF THE

### OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,

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The following persons are now receiving assistance from the town,

James Fletcher,

Benjamin Davis,

The total amount paid out on pauper account during the past year was

Received from County, \$127 00

Rent of Carr Farm, 25 00

—————\$152 00

Showing the net cost for the year, ————— \$382 27

WILLIAM WHEELER,	}	<i>Overseers</i>
JAMES E. CARR,		<i>of</i>
JOSEPH A. WHEELER.		<i>The Poor.</i>

New Ipswich, N. H., Feb. 21, 1881.

F. W. Preston,

To Town of New Ipswich, Dr.

To Cash from last year,	\$3071 28
" " " Collector for 1879,	200 00
" " " " " 1880,	7204 14
" " " County for Paupers,	127 00
" " " C. H. Obear,	34 00
" " " Rent Carr Farm for 1879,	25 00
" " " Savings Bank Tax,	808 81
" " " Insurance Tax,	3 75
" " " Literary Fund,	98 05
	————\$11572 03

Town of New Ipswich,

To F. W. Preston, Dr.

To paying State Tax,	\$1472 00
" " County Tax,	1403 68
" " Town Orders,	2820 01
" " School " "	2098 06
" Cash on hand,	3778 28
	————\$11572 03

F. W. PRESTON, TREASURER.

February, 19, 1881.

## AUDITORS' REPORT.

The auditors appointed by the Town to settle with the Selectmen and Treasurer, have attended to the duties of their office, and find their accounts properly avouched and correctly cast.

The expenses of the Town the past year have been as follows :

To paying State Tax,	\$1472 00
“ “ County Tax,	1403 68
“ “ for Paupers,	524 52
“ “ “ Breaking Roads,	102 38
“ “ “ Repairing Roads,	257 24
“ “ “ Town Officers,	352 75
“ “ “ Collect’n and Abate- ment of Taxes, }	319 20
“ “ “ Fire Department,	392 51
“ “ “ Damages,	386 75
“ “ “ Schools & Committee	2191 02
“ “ “ Ringing Bell,	50 00
“ “ “ Ministerial Fund In’s.	78 93
“ “ “ Printing & Stationery,	51 81
“ “ “ Sheep Killing,	72 00
“ “ “ Cemeteries,	37 19
“ “ “ Decoration Day, Exp.	50 00
“ “ “ Insurance,	9 00
“ “ “ Counsel Fees,	25 00
“ “ “ Miscellaneous.	17 77
<hr style="width: 20%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> \$7793 75	



## Financial Condition of the Town.

Cash in the hands of Treasurer,	\$3778 28
Due from Collector for 1880,	100 00
C.H.Obear's note, secured by mortgage	455 71
Carr Farm, valued at	500 00
	————— \$4833 99

There are no Liabilities of the Town except the interest on the School and Ministerial funds, both amounting to \$2667 30 on which interest is paid annually.

We recommend that the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3000 00) to be raised for incidental expenses of the Town the current year,

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. O. PRESTON,	}	AUDITORS.
GEORGE WHITING,		
WM. W. JOHNSON,		

New Ipswich, N. H., Feb. 19, 1881.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

*Superintendent of Schools.*

OF THE TOWN OF

NEW IPSWICH, N. H.,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1881.

## FELLOW CITIZENS :

'The past year has been one of success and progress in our Public Schools. The Prudential Committee have co-operated with the Superintendent of Schools in a very praise-worthy manner. The new State Map of New Hampshire, is found in every school room in our thirteen districts; six new globes, six inches in diameter and mounted, were purchased during the year. Watson's Spelling Book was adopted in the summer, and introduced into the schools during the fall and winter sessions. Let our teachers employ the object system of imparting instruction as far as possible; we are pleased to say that some have already introduced it, and their pupils have shown an especial aptness and improvement at the final examinations.

In this progressive age the rudiments of all studies should be presented in the clearest and most attractive manner, so that the younger pupils will be lead on by an enthusiasm that none but the best versed and most competent teachers can fully awaken. The importance of a careful preparation in the elementary branches is clearly shown in our city schools, where the firmest basis is laid for the future growth of the student in whatever department of labor or science his energies are concentrated.

Every school-room should possess a large dictionary.

### DISTRICT NO. 1.

The summer school was taught by Miss Annie A. Goldsmith, her reputation as a teacher is well known, and the pupils made fine progress during the term; the final examination was prevented by the illness of the teacher. An especial interest is always taken by the parents and friends of the pupils in the public examinations of this school.



Pupils delight in the co-operation of their parents with the teacher, and more real benefit results to all. A globe has been purchased by the Prudential Committee. This is our largest school and no reasonable expense should be withheld to give the pupils the most modern school apparatus and the best instruction.

#### DISTRICT NO. 2.

Miss Mary L. Moreland, taught the summer session and gave good satisfaction to both pupils and parents. The teacher possessed much enthusiasm and ambition, thus arousing the students to active and profitable mental work. The Prudential Committee added a globe, which together with the new Outline Maps improves the general appearance of the room.

#### DISTRICT NO. 3.

The services of Miss Hattie E. Keyou, the teacher of the school the previous year, were secured for the summer term; the school was small, but the teacher essayed to train the few with a sure reward for her perseverance.

#### DISTRICT NO. 4.

Miss Genevieve Webber, teacher of the fall school the previous year, she won the affection of her pupils in a marked manner and her exertions in instruction were laudably rewarded by the prompt and ready answers of the scholars at the final examination.

#### DISTRICT NO. 5.

Miss Lucy F. Buck, taught the summer school, most of the pupils were small; the teacher succeeded well, and the school made a good appearance at the examination.

#### DISTRICT NO. 6.

Miss Adella L. Taylor, had charge of the school during the summer term, the teacher possessed an electric manner, and just the one to awaken the students to a realization of the importance of activity: if they would compete with the demands of the present age.

## DISTRICT NO. 7.

The summer school was taught by Miss Emma A. Locke, and the scholars showed at the examination that the teachers training had been a success. The discipline was especially marked; how much the character of our business men as well as the ladies in active life depends upon their training and deportment, while at school!

## DISTRICT NO. 8.

The first school of the year was taught by Miss Helen E. Gordon, the attendance was small, nevertheless the instructor endeavored to awaken the latent powers of her pupils and point out to them the true road to knowledge and fame.

## DISTRICT NO. 9.

Miss Hattie A. Wright, was the teacher of the summer school; the examination at the end of the session showed that the scholars had taken great interest in their work and amply rewarded the efforts of their teacher. A set of Outline Maps were purchased by the Prudential Committee.

## DISTRICT. NO. 10.

Miss Hattie C. Reed, had charge of the school during the summer term, the pupils made good progress and passed a creditable examination.

## DISTRICT NO. 11.

Miss Helen E. Hood, who has been the teacher of this school for several years was secured again for the summer session; the school was very small, but the scholars bore the impress of a superior guide through the labyrinths of knowledge.

## DISTRICT NO. 12.

Miss Sarah A. Parry, one of our well-known instructors, had charge of the school for the summer term; the number was large, and the pupils small. The school never prospered better, the examination showed success.

## DISTRICT NO. 13.

The services of Miss Lizzie M. Hale, one of our best teachers, were secured for the summer session, especial attention was given to rhetorical exercises, in which the scholars took much pleasure, thus affording a most interesting entertainment for the visitors, who attended the closing examination.

The foregoing was received from Dr. F. W. Jones, after my own report of the schools, was ready for the press.

C. H. Obear.

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FELLOW CITIZENS :

In compliance with the law of the state I will endeavor to give a brief synopsis of the standing and progress of the several school districts in town, as far as I have had the means of observation. Not having received my appointment as School Superintendent, until after the close of the summer terms, I can only give in regard to them, the statistics which I find on the registers, and will only say, that as far as my knowledge extends, the summer schools were generally successful. On the Roll of Honor appended to the report of each district, none are put, except those who have been actually present, every half day of the term, as I have no power to deviate from the instructions laid down in the register ; I would say however, that there are quite a number whose names would have appeared on the Roll, had they not been detained on account of illness.

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## DISTRICT NO. 1.

Hiram P. Stevens. Prudential Committee.

Miss Anna A. Goldsmith, teacher of the first term of nine and two-fifths weeks ending June 29th. whole number of scholars 47, average attendance 44.

## ROLL OF HONOR.

Ella G. Balcom, Hattie E. Chandler, Flora E. Cowdry Lucy E. Chandler, Ellen C. Gibson, Jennie M. Stevens, Eva Keyes, Maud A. Stevens, Aggie Stevens, Gracie J. Thayer, Mabel L. Thayer, Drusie M. Perry, Lottie J. Perry, Hattie M. White, Chas. J. Adams, James G. Adams, Charles Chandler, Charles F. Hamilton, Allie T. Stevens, Charles F. Stevens, Fred C. Burton.

The second term of 11 weeks, ending Nov. 19th. was in charge of Mrs F. A. Spalding, whole number of scholars 47, average attendance, 40.

## ROLL OF HONOR.

Ellen Gibson, Drusie Perry, Aggie Stevens, Charles F. Stevens, Fred C. Burton.

Mrs Spaldings engagement as far as I know was satisfactory, and the exercises at the examination did credit to the teacher and scholars.

Miss Abbie J. Davis, of Ashby, Mass. was engaged for the winter term of 12 weeks, commencing Nov. 30th 1880. whole number of scholars, 48, average attendance, 42.

## ROLL OF HONOR.

Wilbur L. Phelps, Allie T. Stevens, Fred N. Cushing, Drusie M. Perry, Jennie M. Stevens, Ellen C. Gibson, Lottie J. Perry, Charles F. Stevens, Agnes Stevens, Fred C. Burton, Fannie N. Cushing.

Miss Davis, by this engagement has increased the high reputation previously acquired. The whole atmosphere of her school-room was characterised by activity, promptness and energy. The recitations were thorough and intelligent.

and showed that the scholars had profited, not only by a faithful study of their text-books, but by added knowledge from the well stored mind of their teacher, A goodly number of friends and citizens were, as usual, present at the closing examination ; the district would do well to secure the further services of Miss Davis, as a teacher.

#### DISTRICT NO. 2.

Charles H. Pratt, Prudential Committee,  
Miss Mary L. Moreland, teacher of the spring term of six week—number of scholars, 7, average attendance six and two-thirds.

#### ROLL OF HONOR.

Frank Mansfield,, Willie Pratt, Freddie Pratt, Lottie Batten, Eda Mansfield.

The fall and winter term of fourteen weeks, closing on February, 18th. 1881, was in charge, of Miss Lulie M. Atwood, of Temple, number of scholars, 10, average attendance ; nine and one-half

#### ROLL OF HONOR.

Willie C. Pratt, Freddie J. Pratt.

Judging from my visits during the term, and at the close of the school—the teacher was in earnest in her work, but the style of the recitations was quite unsatisfactory ; there appeared to be a general hesitancy and want of a distinct knowledge of that gone over. Knowledge thus imperfectly acquired is of comparatively little use. It is hoped that the scholars in this district will improve in this particular.

#### DISTRICT NO. 3.

Frank E. Sawyer, Prudential Committee.

Miss Hattie E. Keyou, teacher of the first term of eight weeks ; number of scholars, 2, average attendance two.

Miss Mary L. Moreland, taught the second term, whole number of scholars, 3, average attendance two and three-fourths, the few scholars under Miss Moreland's care were

young and little advanced in their studies ; but from my observation near the commencement and at the close of the school I was impressed that she was doing all that could be done in the circumstances—giving much oral instruction and advancing her pupils as much as they could bear.

#### DISTRICT NO. 4.

William H. Foster, Prudential Committee.

Miss Genevieve Webber, teacher of the spring term of 7 weeks, which closed June 23rd. whole number of scholars 10, average attendance 9.

#### ROLL OF HONOR.

Eliza Davis. Ida Davis. Lizzie Wilkinson. Fred Stacey.

Waldo Whitney. Melvin Whitney.

The Fall term of 8 weeks was in charge of Miss Ella M. Balch, whole number of scholars 12, average attendance eleven and one-half.

#### ROLL OF HONOR.

Abbie L. Balch. Eliza J. Davis. Ida B. Davis. Lottie G. Whitney. Cora A. Whitney. Alice L. Putnam. Waldo D. Whitney. Melvin B. Whitney.

The school appeared well at the examination ; the recitations did credit to both teacher and scholars, the classes in Geography were especially noticeable for their promptness and accuracy. This was Miss Balch's first term as a teacher and I have no doubt but her promptness and energy will render her a successful and valuable teacher.

The Winter term of 10, weeks ending February 14, 1881, was taught by Lewis C. Wilkinson, this was also Mr Wilkinson's first term as a teacher, and from my observations, at the various times I visited the school, I should consider the engagement a successful one ; all the recitations at the closing examination showed thoughtfulness and accuracy. In Geography the outline maps appeared to have been thoroughly used, which I deem the very best method of



acquireing a definate knowledge of the Planet on which we live;—at this and the previous examination of the year, I was pleased to see so many of the parents and friends of the scholars present, it is a great encouragement to both teacher and scholars, to know that their friends are taking an interest in their progress. Whole number of pupils 15, average attendance, 13. ROLL OF HONOR. G. W. Wilkinson

#### DISTRICT NO. 5.

George Taylor, Prudential Committee.

Miss Lucy F. Buck, teacher of the spring term of 8 weeks, whole number of scholars 15, average attendance 14.

#### ROLL OF HONOR.

Evie A. Maxwell. Susie E. Blanchard. Katie B. Goen.  
Edith A. Blanchard.

The second term of 8 weeks was in charge of Miss Sarah E. Peckham, of Townsend, Mass. whole number of scholars, 19, average attendance 16.

#### ROLL OF HONOR.

Edith A. Blanchard. Susie E. Blanchard. Emma E. Goen.  
Hattie A. Wetherbee. Herbert C. Blaney. Geo. P. Presby.

Katie B. Goen. Earnest R. Prutzman.

Miss Peckham, brought to her work, not only industry and persuasion, but a thorough training for the school-room, in one of the Normal schools of Massachusetts. It is hardly necessary to say that her engagement was an entire success.

The Winter term was taught by Miss Lura M. Elliott. of Mason, length of school, 11 weeks, whole number of scholars, 21, average attendance 19.

#### ROLL OF HONOR.

Evie Maxwell. Charles Knowlton. Herbert C. Blaney. Miss Elliott manifested a high degree of promptness, and energy, thoroughness and accuracy in teaching were shown by the closing examination, the parents and friends, as is usual in this district, were in attendance in good numbers. at both examinations.

## DISTRICT NO. 6.

Edmund Barton, Prudential Committee.

Miss Adella L. Taylor, was engaged for both the summer and winter terms, length of school in summer, 8 weeks, whole number of scholars 5, average attendance 4 1-2

## ROLL OF HONOR.

Ella M. Hill, Willie S. Hill, Freddie Silva.

Number of scholars in the winter term of 12 weeks, 4, average attendance, 3 2-3.

## ROLL OF HONOR.

Willie S. Hill, Ella M. Hill.

I was much pleased with the promptness and energy of the teacher and the accuracy of the recitations at the examination. The only specimens of map drawing which I have seen in my visits to the schools, were found here, they were finely executed; the best specimens of penmanship was also found here. Miss Taylor's marked success in this, her first essay at teaching gives promise of future usefulness in this responsible field of labor.

## DISTRICT NO. 7.

George S. Wheeler, Prudential Committee.

Miss Emma A. Locke, teacher both terms, whole number of scholars in the summer term, 14, average attendance, twelve and three-fourths.

## ROLL OF HONOR.

Alice C Blood. Gilbert C. Blood.

The winter term of 12 weeks, closed January 14th. whole number of scholars, 14, average attendance 10 1-4, owing to the weather and the state of the roads, I was unable to be present at the closing examination, but from what I know of the qualifications of the teacher, and from what I learn from the parents and those interested in the school,

I have no doubt but the engagement was successful. Allow me to say, the internal arrangement of this school-room is far from desirable, but might easily be rendered all that could be wished, the black-board is nearly useless on account of its glossy smoothness.

### DISTRICT NO. 8.

A. Freeman Wright, Prudential Committee.

Miss Helen E. Gordon, teacher of the spring term of 7 weeks, which closed April, 26th. whole number of scholars 4, average attendance 3 1-2,

#### ROLL OF HONOR.

Ellen M. Wright. The winter term of 7 weeks, was taught by Ellen M. Wright, whole number of scholars 3, average attendance 1 3-4. This was Miss Wright's first term as a teacher, and although quite young to assume the responsibilities of the school-room, her determination to succeed gave her good success; thorough use was made of the two Outline maps belonging to the school-room. If I mistake not further training will make her a successful teacher.

### DISTRICT NO. 9.

John E. Wood, Prudential Committee.

The first term of 12 weeks, taught by Hattie A. Wright, of Ashburnham, Mass. number of scholars 12, average attendance 7.

The Fall term of 12 weeks, was in charge of the same teacher; number of scholars 11, average attendance 10.

The scholars in this school average much the oldest of any in town, seven being over 14 years, and four over 16 years of age, and I am happy to say that their attainments

have kept pace with their ages, I was much pleased with the promptness and intelligence manifested in the various recitations at the examination, much credit is due to both teacher and scholars; oral instruction was given to the younger scholars in Grammar and Geography with much advantage. The school-house is in need of thorough repairs, it might at comparatively small expense be made convenient and attractive.

#### ROLL OF HONOR.

FIRST TERM; Willie M. Wood. Arthur H. Burnap.  
Alice E. Wood.  
SECOND TERM; Oliver N. Brooks. Frederic McIntire.  
Willie M. Wood. Emma F. Royce. Alice E. Wood.

#### DISTRICT NO. 10.

Mrs. James E. Carr Prudential Committee.

Miss Hattie C. Reed, of Greenville, teacher for the first term of seven weeks, whole number of scholars 6 average attendance 5 1-2

#### ROLL OF HONOR.

Emma L. Carr. Ernest E. Carr.

The Fall Term of 10 weeks, was taught by Miss Flavilla R. Kyle, of Somerville, Mass. whole number of scholars 11, average attendance 8 1-2.

#### ROLL OF HONOR.

Theodore P. Carr. Roy D. Carr.

The deportment of the scholars was good, the recitations at the closing examination indicated faithfulness in teaching and studious habits on the part of the scholars.

The house in this District, is greatly in need of thorough repairs.

#### DISTRICT NO. 11.

Charles B. Preston, Prudential Committee.



This school has been for the entire year in charge of Miss Helen E. Hood, who has also taught it during the three preceeding years ; the progress and standing of this school, illustrate the great benefit of retaining a first-class teacher through a succession of terms. Here everything moves on like clock-work ; no jarring, no friction. The school-room in this district is among the best in town. and the scholars and teacher deserve great credit for the neatness and care, with which it is kept.

This is one of the two schools where singing has been practiced, I am sorry to see so great a falling off in this attraction of the school-room.

#### DISTRICT NO. 12.

Alfred Taylor, Prudential Committee.

Miss Sarah A. Parry, teacher of the spring term of 10 weeks, whole number of scholars, 38 average attendance 33

#### ROLL OF HONOR.

Nellie Cavanaugh.

The Fall Term of 10 weeks, was began by Miss Annie A. Cutter, of Temple, who was obliged to leave at the end of two weeks, on account of sickness. Miss Hattie Winship, of Greenville, was engaged to complete the term.

The school appeared well when visited, and at the examination was quite satisfactory. Whole number of scholars 35, average attendance 28 1-2.

#### ROLL OF HONOR.

Dora Taylor.

Rev F. H. Corson, had charge of the winter school of 11 weeks, whole number of scholars 36, average attendance 28.

#### ROLL OF HONOR.

Minnie Cherberno. John Fournier.

This, in some respects, is the most difficult school in town to teach, or manage ; a majority of the pupils being foreigners quite unacquainted with our language, most of these are in the Primer class, although there is quite a number who would rank well with those of any other school in town, of similar ages. The school appeared well when visited, and the examination spoke well for the tact and faithfulness of the teacher, and the application to study of the older scholars.

#### DISTRICT NO. 13.

Edward A. Barrett, Prudential Committee.

Miss Lizzie M. Hale, teacher of the spring term of 10 weeks, whole number of scholars 21, average attendance 19

#### ROLL OF HONOR.

Fanny Barrett.

The second term of 12 weeks, was in charge of Miss Abbie A. Brigham, of Rindge, whole number of scholars 19, average attendance 16.

#### ROLL OF HONOR.

Katie Bucknam, Ada Stiles.

Miss Brigham is too well known in this community as a teacher, to need any word from me. It is sufficient to say, that the school was all that was expected, from one of her successful experiences in teaching.

Having now taken a brief survey of the several Districts. I think it can be truthfully added, that, although our schools have differed as to their degree of usefulness, they have all been fairly successful ; while some have achieved a high degree of excellence.

Two male, and twenty-three female teachers have been employed during the school year — thirteen of whom are residents of the town, five of the districts have had three terms each, in these thirteen different teachers have been employed ; only one having retained the services of the same teacher for successive terms.

The thirty-one terms of our schools have been taught by twentyfive different teachers, showing far more frequent changes than can be for their best interest.

## B O O K S .

I find in several of the districts a variety of text-books on the same subject ; making it necessary for the teacher to increase the number of classes, which is an evil to be as much as possible avoided, it is evident that the fewer classes into which a school is divided ; the more attention can be given to each class. With my predecessor, I would suggest the propriety of a change in the Reading-Books, as the "Franklin Series" although good in themselves, have by seven years use, become so familiar as to loose in a great degree their interest. A change could doubtless be made, which would involve but a small pecuniary outlay by the parents, I would recommend that a committee be chosen to take this matter into consideration, and to make such change as in their judgement shall be desirable.

The Spellers, whose introduction was commenced by my predecessor, and has been finished by myself give good satisfaction.

## REGISTERS.

The attention of Prudential Committees and teachers is called to the following Law of our State. "Every teacher, at the close of his school and at the end of each term thereof, shall make a return of such register or record to the School Committee of the town, who shall give to him a certificate thereof: and *no teacher* shall receive payment for his services until such certificate is produced and delivered to the Prudential Committee". — General Statutes chap. 81, sec. 15.] By actual compliance with the above law a great deal of unnecessary labor and delay would be avoided to the Superintending Committee.

I am sorry to say, that not more than two out of the 13 registers of the several Districts, have been filled out in compliance with the directions.

With earnest wishes for the future success of our common schools.

Very respectfully submitted,

CLARK H. OBEAR.

*Superintending Committee.*

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## ERRATA.

On page 14, fifth line from top, read, or that of our ladies, instead of, "as well as the ladies".

Also, on same page, under district No. 9. fourth line, read, Some Outline maps were purchased, instead of, "A set of"



<i>Number of Districts.</i>	<i>NAMES OF TEACHERS.</i>	<i>Number of Terms.</i>	<i>Amount appropriated to each District.</i>	<i>Amount appropriated for each scholar.</i>	<i>Wages of Teacher per month.</i>	<i>Number of Scholars.</i>	<i>Neither absent or tardy</i>	<i>Length, school in weeks</i>
1	{ Anna A. Goldsmith,		\$277 51	\$ 5 78	36 00	47	21	9
	{ Mrs F.A. Spalding,	3			36 00	47	5	11
	{ Abbie J. Davis,				36 00	48	11	12
2	{ Mary L. Moreland,		144 76	14 47	20 00	7	5	6
	{ Lulie M. Atwood,	2			24 00	10	2	14
	{ Hattie E. Keyou,		89 68	29 89	23 00	20	8	8
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